



A real alternative

A message from Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of the UKIP Independence Party

It's time to decide. We don't need to wait until 2017 to have a referendum: let's have one right now. Use the European Elections on 22 May to tell them what you think about the EU.

It's time for the truth

A lot of lies have been told about the EU. We're frequently told that we'll lose 3 million jobs if we leave - a shameless lie.

No sensible commentator has ever predicted this, because the EU countries have far more to lose by interfering with our trade with them, than we do. We're more likely to gain jobs.

A few big businessmen are regularly wheeled out to say they want to stay in; but when the EU is geared to help big businesses and prevent small ones from challenging them, that's not surprising.

It's our 4.8 million smaller businesses that suffer from the burden of EU laws and regulations.

They say our car industries will suffer if we leave: yet the EU sells us more cars than we do them - by up to 800,000 a year. They won't put that at risk by hampering our manufacturers.

They say that the EU is the future, and that we couldn't survive outside it: but we're the world's 6th largest economy, and while the EU share of world trade is shrinking, our prospects are very good indeed.

What UKIP will do for you

With your help, we'll continue to work for the UK's withdrawal from the big political project that is the EU - the project, as a long-serving commissioner said recently, to create a United States of Europe.

With your help, we'll succeed.

In the meantime, your UKIP MEPs will continue to go to Brussels and Strasbourg with a mission unlike that of any other party.

We don't go there to make the EU better, more powerful, and help it pass more laws.

We go there to find out what it's up to, and let you know. Some of us spend a good deal of time there, unfortunately, making sure we know what they're cooking up, creating an 'Opposition' and voting against the EU's encroachment on our democracy.

Others spend more time back here, spreading the word and campaigning to get us out.

All UKIP MEPs, though, have one over-riding goal: to make ourselves redundant, by getting Britain out, and returning to the UK the power to govern ourselves.

We want our country back. Don't you?



Regaining control

The EU is not the trading bloc we thought we signed up to

Since 2010, 3,600 new laws have been imposed on us by the European Union. With an estimated 13 million words, they would take 92 days to read.

This is the European Union we find ourselves in now, a bureaucratic organisation writing our laws and costing us all £55 million per day in membership fees.

The EU is not just the trading bloc we thought we signed up to. It's about ever closer union. The EU now controls areas we never thought imaginable immigration, law and order and energy, to name a few.

EU leaders have themselves declared there is no chance of renegotiating back powers they have spent decades collecting. The Vice President of the European Commission, Viviane Reding, has called for the creation of a 'United States of Europe'.

The only way to regain control is to leave the European Union.

Use May 22nd as the EU Referendum the other parties have denied you and vote UKIP to leave the EU.

Until we leave the EU, our hands are tied by Brussels, with the support of the Conservatives, Labour and the Lib Dems.

Lost Control Of Our Borders

- Under EU rules, anyone in the EU can come to the UK and live, claim welfare and government services they have not contributed to.
- The Office of National Statistics estimates the UK population will increase by 3 million by 2020.
- On 1st January the UK threw open its borders to unlimited numbers of Bulgarian and Romanian citizens. The Government admits it cannot control the numbers of migrants from other EU countries.
- The other parties are still committed to the EU expanding to include Turkey, Albania, Moldova and many more. Under EU rules, all their citizens would become entitled to live and work in the UK.
- Mass immigration has coincided with soaring youth unemployment and stagnant wages that have not kept pace with the cost of living

Public Services Under Threat

- Unlimited EU immigration is putting pressure on schools.
- A growing population is putting a massive strain on the NHS. Health tourism alone costs an estimated £2bn a year.
- Our green spaces are threatened by over-development largely brought about by the population pressure caused by mass immigration.

Risk Of Blackouts

- The 2008 Climate Change Act costs an estimated £18bn per year - that's more than £500 for every household in the UK. We will scrap this Act.
- EU renewables targets mean taxpayers' money subsidises wind farms that require gas powered back-up when the wind doesn't blow.
- The EU Large Combustion Plant Directive will shut many vital oil and coal-fired power stations in 2015. OFGEM warns that plant closures could cause blackouts.







Repairing the UK

Being in the EU costs the UK £55m a day

Only by leaving the EU can we begin the process of undoing the damage caused by the Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats.

Cutting and Controlling Immigration:

• Outside the EU, we can manage our borders and decide who we want to come and live and work in the UK. EU rules stop us from doing this.

Reducing Fuel Poverty:

• Outside the EU, we can abolish EU laws that add hundreds of pounds to household energy bills. EU rules keep energy bills high by forcing taxpayers' money into wasteful wind turbines and solar arrays.

Lighter Regulation for Small Businesses

• Only 5% of British companies export to the EU. Why should 100% of our businesses be subject to harmful EU regulation? Only outside the EU can we have more flexible regulations to create more jobs.

No Votes for Prisoners

• The European Court of Human Rights – which the Lisbon Treaty forces all EU member states to sign up to – still wants to give prisoners the vote. It also prevents convicted terrorists from being deported. UKIP will leave the EU and the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights. Parliament should decide fairer human rights laws.

Reclaiming our waters

• Over the years, Britain's coastal communities have lost thousands of jobs due to the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. It has been an environmental disaster with fish stocks dangerously low. Outside the EU, we will reclaim our territorial waters, revive our fishing towns and ports and end discards.

Saving Taxpayers' Money

• The EU costs the UK Government £55m a day. As the EU's biggest customer, we are in an incredibly strong position to negotiate an amicable exit and free trade deal under existing treaties. The savings to the taxpayer would be huge.

Local Homes for Local Families

• UKIP will prioritise social housing for those with parents and grandparents born locally.

A National, Not International, Health Service

• It is important that everyone in the UK has access to free medical care. Visitors and migrants to the UK must show proof of health insurance as a condition of entry to the UK.

Trading Globally

• On leaving the EU, the UK will keep the trade agreements we entered as an EU member prior to the Lisbon Treaty. Outside the EU, we can negotiate our own trade deals, but be in a stronger position, as we will be negotiating in the British interest.

Cheaper Petrol and Diesel

• UKIP will seek to reduce fuel duty and reduce the disparity in price between diesel and petrol. Fuel duty is too high and has held the economy back.



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